

Riesberg, where it slopes towards Wiesenbach Valley. It belongs to the parish of Neftenbach at the end of Wiesenbach Valley, protected by the Riesberg mountain and the Taggenberg and almost touching the valley of the Toess River, which, six miles further down, flows into the Rhine. For many centuries the wine produced from the yield of vineyards on the hills of Neftenbach has been considered the best of the whole district.

The Hubers in Basel. As time went on, all the Hubers moved from their ancestral homesteads at Aesch-Neftenbach; but only the genealogies of the branches at Basel, Switzerland, and Trippstadt, Palatinate, have so far been made matters of investigation. Among the thirty-two persons mentioned in *Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to The American Colonies, Between 1734-1744*,* as having left Neftenbach in order to travel to Carolina and Pennsylvania, the name of Huber is recorded only once: Elizabeth Huber, from Neftenbach, who left in 1738, aged 30 years with her husband Gottfried Scherer von der hintere Hub. As several Elisabeth Hubers are recorded in Neftenbach parish register as born in 1708, it has not been possible to identify her.

In Basel, the Hubers produced several eminent business men and scientists. Among the most prominent was the astronomer, John Jacob Huber, 1733-1798, called to Berlin by King Frederic the Great and made a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences. He lived there many years as director of the Potsdam Observatory, returning to Basel with his family after the death of the King. This family has borne, since the 17th century, the following coat of arms: Or, a triple hill vert, in chief a gothic "h" sable. No member of this Huber branch of Basel is recorded as having emigrated to America. Hans Rudolf Huber, son of Dr. Joh. Werner Huber and Marg. Besk, of Basel, who is mentioned in the Faust & Brumbaugh Lists,† as having "left British military service near Halifax in 1754," apparently belongs to a different Huber family.

* *Lists of Swiss Emigrants in The Eighteenth Century to The American Colonies, From the State Archives of Bern and Basel, Switzerland.* Compiled and edited by Albert Bernhardt Faust, A.B., Ph.D., and Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, M.S., M.D., Litt.D. Published by The National Genealogical Society, Washington, D. C., 1920, Volume II, p. 67.

† *Ibid.*, Volume II, p. 208.